

nese species and varieties discovered by Mr. E. H. Wilson in central and western China, some of them recommended for the graceful habit of their growth, and others for the beauty of their fruit.

*Crataegus pinnatifida*. (Malaceae.) 40605. Seeds of the large-fruited Chinese haw from Chefoo, China. Presented by Mr. A. Sugden. "*Suan tza*. The fruit of this hawthorn is about as big as a damson, and to my mind excellent as a stewed fruit or as a 'cheese'. To cook, simmer in hot water for a few minutes till soft enough to pull the skin off with the fingers; if cut off with a knife they say much of the coloring matter is lost; our cook then pokes the stones out through the top with a chop stick; they are then stewed for a few minutes with lots of sugar; the rough way of cooking is to cut in half to remove stones and not to peel. They look nicer the other way and the skin does not improve them for eating." (Sugden.)

*Deutzia schneideriana laxiflora* Rehder. (Saxifragaceae.) 40580. Plant of a deutzia presented by the Hon. Vicary Gibbs, Elstree, Herts, England. "A shrub from western Hupeh, China, from two to two and a half meters high. Similar to *D. scabra*, but the panicles looser and more graceful." (Rehder.)

*Eragrostis abyssinica* (Jacq.) Schrad. (Poaceae.) 40535. Seeds of teff from Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Burt-Davy. "For trial as a hay-grass in Florida and other parts of the southeast. Teff continues to be a standard hay crop here and in spite of the fact that it has now been established in South Africa for several years, prices of teff hay on the Johannesburg market have again been ruling up to four pounds ten and five pounds per ton. It is remarkable how well stock do on this grass, and the way in which its use has spread without any artificial boom proves clearly that it is a first-class thing." (Burt-Davy.)

*Ficus carica* L. (Moraceae.) 40499. Cuttings of a fig from Boscotrecase near Naples, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen. "*Trojaro*. This fig requires a much warmer climate, at least a more even climate than that of Fresno, and I think should not be recommended to any locality north of Los Angeles. Where it does well it is a superior variety, preferable to the White Adriatic. It is the best table fig in Italy. Around San Francisco Bay, this fig never matures. It is not affected by fall rains, like the